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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
FAMILY GROCERS  
WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.  
At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

**DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.**

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

**Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:**

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes	Candles: best brands
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises	Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands	Vestas, by approved makers
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf	Salt: table, fine, and coarse
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies	Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elemes
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles	Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene
	Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

**TOBACCOS.**

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior	Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens	Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.	

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case	Moselle: No. 2
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case	Hock: Gold Leaf
Rum: Lemon Hart's	Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape	Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial.
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond	Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Gin: J.B.K.Z Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell	Cordials: assorted
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's	Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's
Claret: St. Julien's	Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

**IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of**

Blasting powder and fuse	Billies and pannikins
Gunpowder, caps, and shot	Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Long and short handled shovels	Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Spades, sluice forks	Iron boilers
Picks and pickhandles	Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Gold dishes, hose-pipes	Axes and axe-handles
Drills and drilling hammers	Nails, cut and wrought
Manilla and flax ropes	Tacks, clout and American cut
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils	Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Galvanised and corrugated iron	Cutlery, a large assortment
Stoves and piping	Carpenters' tools of every description.

**CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.**

**HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.**

**DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.**

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac	Dress materials: winceys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Boys' do.	Flannels; Calicoes, bleached and unbleached
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin	Blankets, rugs, quilts
Shirts: white dress, crimeans, Scotch twill, tweed	Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton	Cocoa and felt matting
Hosiery and hats	Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets
	Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

**BOOTS & SHOES.**

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, halt-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot  
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

**CROCKERYWARE.**

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete	China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket	

**FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.**

**FANCY GOODS.**

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschau and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

**COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.**

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

## W. TALBOYS'

**CLEARING SALE OF GROCERY.**

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s	Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.
Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d	Lobsters, 10½d per tin
Muscateles, 1s 2d per lb	Salmon, 10½d per tin
Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb	Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d
Elemes, 7½d per lb	Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d
Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb	Oysters, 7d per tin
Two-crown Soap, 12s per box	Tainish's Jams, 11d per tin
Three-crown Soap, 14s per box	Figs, 1s per box
Cheese, 10d per lb	Preserved Fruits, 2s.
Hams, 10d per lb	Pickles, 1s per bottle
Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.	Candles 10½d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

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## I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

HAVE ON HAND

### THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK

OF ANY UP-COUNTRY STORE IN

### DRAPERY, BOOTS, IRONMONGERY, CROCKERY

### WINES and SPIRITS.

SPECIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

### MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY.

A LARGE STOCK OF

### FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIALS

ALWAYS ON HAND.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Celebrated Silk-dressed Wakatip Flour.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS ON HAND

## I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

### EXTENSION OF PREMISES.

## W. TALBOYS

Having determined to Extend his Premises,

WILL HOLD A

### Great Clearing Sale!

OF HIS EXTENSIVE AND VARIED STOCK OF

### DRAPERY, HOSIERY, HABERDASHERY,

CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, &c., &c.,

### EXTENDING OVER ONE MONTH ONLY!

CALL EARLY AND SECURE BARGAINS.

## Cromwell

V. R.

## N O T I C E

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of January, February and March, 1880, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:—

CLYDE—Every Thursday, excepting the Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, January 12 and 26  
February 9 and 23  
March 8 and 22

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, January 6

February 3

March 2

OPHIR—Tuesday, January 13

February 10

March 9

JACKSON KEDDELL,

Warden and R.M.

**M R A. F. BLOOD, B. A.,**  
Has Commenced Practice as a  
**SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER**

In the District, R.M. and Warden's  
Courts, Cromwell.

Mr Blood is prepared to visit Alexandra,  
Blacks, &c., when professionally required.

OFFICE:

NEXT DOOR TO THE BANK OF NEW  
ZEALAND.

**HENRICH BEHRENS,**  
WHEELWRIGHT  
AND COACH BUILDER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL

(Nearly opposite Bank of New South Wales),  
Is prepared to execute all Orders entrusted to  
him with carefulness and despatch.

A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and  
Native Timbers kept in Stock.

Repairs done in best style.

**K. P R E T S C H.**  
CROMWELL,

COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,  
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper  
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every  
description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting,  
Paperhanging, Decoration,  
and Sign Writing.

**E. M U R R E L L,**  
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

Has just re-  
ceived, per  
English Mail,  
another con-  
signment of  
**SILVER  
HUNTING  
LEVER**

**WATCHES**  
direct from the  
can with confidence recommend them to the  
public both as regards finish and accuracy of  
adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be ex-  
celled in the colony.

E.M. has made arrangements for regular sup-  
plies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position  
to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every  
Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

**E. MURRELL,**

Watch and Clock Maker,  
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

**THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRAC-  
TEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.**  
(KREBS' PATENT.)

**ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,**

Having accepted the above Company's Agency  
or New Zealand, direct the attention of Rail-  
way and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarry-  
men to the enormous advantages derived from  
the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES  
MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or  
soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs'  
Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it  
is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL  
EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to  
be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported  
Dynamite, while the present price renders it  
cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.  
5 " 2s 6d "  
10 " 2s 3d "

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

**ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND  
IRON MERCHANTS,  
PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

## Miscellaneous.

T O F A R M E R S.

M'CORMICK'S HARVESTERS FOR SALE.

Agent for Cromwell:

**CHARLES COLCLOUGH.**

R. AND A. J. PARK,

SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,

SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,

SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,

HIGH-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

J O H N S M I T H

begs to intimate to the Public that he

HAS OPENED

Those

WELL-KNOWN AND COMMODIOUS STABLES

(Late Starkey and Scally's),

And hopes, by attention and civility, to merit a

fair share of public patronage.

BUGGIES &amp; SADDLE HORSES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

HORSES BROKEN IN, &c.

P. B U T E L &amp; C O.'S

FLOUR MILLS.

NEAR ARROWTOWN.

Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dis-  
patch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed,  
—cannot be excelled in the Colony.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,

OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surround-  
ing districts that, having now completed the  
above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with  
machinery on the most improved principle, he  
is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR

of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR &amp; OATMEAL

MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR - PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public  
that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal,  
he has now completed considerable improvements  
on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to  
supply a first-class article at a most reasonable  
rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a  
Miller of wide experience, the public can depend  
upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best  
quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and  
upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

N O T I C E

FOURPENCE each will be given by the  
undersigned for the SKINS of Rabbits de-  
stroyed on Mt. Pisa and Queensberry Runs  
upon delivery at the Home Station.

H. F. WILLMOTT.

2nd Feb., 1880.

N O T I C E

A number of useless Curs are allowed to  
prowl about on Kawarau Station by their  
owners. This is to give them warning that  
POISON will be laid wherever they are most  
likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

F O R S A L E

8-h.p. horizontal Steam Engine and Boiler,  
with winding and pumping gear

Several Sections in Cromwell

Cottage (furnished) and Section in Melmore  
Terrace

Cottage and Section in Murray-street

Shop and Dwelling in Melmore-street

Cottage on Block IX.

Water-race of 12 heads (Lowburn)

Agricultural Lease Area of 200 Acres

Cromwell Coal Lease and Plant

Several Quartz-crushing Batteries

Bannockburn Water-race.

20 Acres, Freehold (fenced), adjoining Crom-  
well.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

## Cromwell

S W A N B R E W E R Y,

CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER - Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his  
unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, de-  
livered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Crom-  
well, or at the Brewery, will be promptly at-  
tended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND

General

BLACKSMITH &amp; FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the  
public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business  
and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the  
public patronage.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,

MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,  
&c.

Every description of work in connection with  
Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made  
and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable  
Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally  
that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a  
CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the  
first introduced up-country; and in this branch  
he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved  
principle.

Light shoes ... 10s.  
Draught do. ... 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and  
Cattle Medicines on hand.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FAR-  
MERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY &amp; SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS,

Having purchased the business as General Black-  
smith and Horse-shoer in Cromwell, lately car-  
ried on by Mr K. Cayford, begs to inform the  
public that he is in a position to execute every  
class of work in a most satisfactory manner at  
reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department  
the advertiser has considerable experience, and  
in these branches can guarantee to suit those  
who favor him with their patronage.  
Horses carefully and skilfully treated for  
all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,

Opposite Messrs Grant and MacKellar's offices.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-  
CHANTS, AND GENERAL

STOREKEEPERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the  
regular consignment of Goods suitable to the  
market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in  
intimating that they have now on hand, and  
constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND  
FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which  
will be found to compare most favorably as to  
price with those of any establishment on the  
Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in  
above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a  
detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made  
arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL  
PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills.  
In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE  
DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they  
have entered into arrangements for the regular  
supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an  
advantage which they feel sure their customers  
will fully appreciate.

## Insurance Companies.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-

ANCE SOCIETY.

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST  
LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,

Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED, 1859.]

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.

Accepts Fire Risks on every description of  
property, at lowest rates.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,

Agent, Cromwell.

C O B B A N D C O.'S  
LIVERY STABLES,

LAWRENCE,

Will now be under the personal supervision of  
Mr Craig.

HORSES &amp; BUGGIES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

Horses Broken to Saddle and Harness.

H. CRAIG & Co.,

Proprietors.

CENTRAL REGISTRY OFFICE.

E. LYONS begs to notify the inhabitants of  
Cromwell and District that he has OPENED a  
REGISTRY OFFICE in conjunction with his  
Fruiterer's Business in Dunedin.

Hotelkeepers, station owners and others can  
rely upon obtaining suitable Servants of every  
description.

E. LYONS

(Late J. B. L. Luks),

COMMISSION, LAND & ESTATE AGENT,  
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN.

K A W A R A U C O A L P I T,  
BANNOCKBURN.

JOHN PRYDE, Proprietor.

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised  
as the best yet vended in the district. It burns  
freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at

Cromwell ... 24s per ton.

Bannockburn ... 20s do.

At Pit's mouth ... 12s do.

FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED.

JOHN PRYDE,

Proprietor.

W A N A K A S A W - M I L L S.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,

PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills  
in complete working order with the best appli-  
ances obtainable and are prepared to supply  
Manufactured Timber of every description;  
Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the  
shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices  
and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched  
with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & Co.,

WANAKA SAW MILLS.

V U L C A N F O U N D R Y.

Great King-street, Dunedin.

KINCAID, M'QUEEN AND CO.,

Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights, Foun-  
ders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of castings in Brass and Iron.  
Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.  
Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Waterwheels,  
Quartz-crushing Machinery, Pumping and Wind-  
ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; Sheet-  
iron Hopper and Sluice Plates, (punched to an  
size of holes), Gold-dredging Spoons, &c.

Flour-mill Machinery.

All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power  
Machines made and repaired.

Improved Reaping Machines.

K., M'Q. and Co.'s improved Wrought-Iron  
Piping for Fluming and Hydraulic Mining is the  
best in use, and cheaper than canvas.

Hotels.

**KIRTLBURN HOTEL,**  
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.  
Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

**JOHN MARSH,**  
**BRIDGE HOTEL,**  
CROMWELL.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

**VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.**

J. M'CORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

**BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,**  
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,  
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

**VICTORIA HOTEL,**  
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.) Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

**CRITERION HOTEL,**  
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

**PORT PHILIP HOTEL,**  
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night	...	6s
Single Feed	...	2s
Meals and Bed, each	...	2s
Board and Lodging, per week	...	30s
Board only	...	20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co's. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

Hotel

**BALLARAT HOTEL,**  
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING  
Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

Cromwell

**E. M'CAFFREY,**  
PRACTICAL STONEWORKER AND  
**MONUMENTAL SCULPTOR**  
QUEENSTOWN.

Monuments, Headstones, Memorial Crosses and Tablets cut to any design.

Stone for Building and Coping supplied according to agreement.

Pillars, suitable for any kind of large building, from 1ft to 20ft lengths, any thickness.

The above can be highly polished.

E. M'CAFFREY would beg to call particular attention to the stone, as the most eminent geologists at the Sydney Exhibition have pronounced the same to be imperishable, having a fine grain and capable of sustaining the finest ornamental work, which cannot be excelled in any part of the world. It is of a bright yellow color, which shows its brilliant nature.

Before building send for a sample of his stone, which will be forwarded per return of post.

Address:

E. M'CAFFREY,  
QUEENSTOWN.



**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.**  
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

\*Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



**R. AND W. OLDS,**  
FAMILY BUTCHERS,  
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



**THE CROMWELL BAKERY.**

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,  
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

**THOMAS FOOTE,**  
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,  
MELMORE TERRACE,  
CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.



**BEATTY ORGAN** Style No. 2100.  
A beautiful Celtic style of architecture in this case strikes the eye of the connoisseur, and stamps it at once as the most beautiful case extant. Dimensions: Height, 74 in.; Width, 48 in.; Depth, 24 in. 8 Sets of Reeds, 5 Octaves, 13 Stops. French Veneered Paneled Cases highly finished. Beatty's Improved Knee Swell, and Beatty's new Excelsior Grand Organ Knee Swell. The mechanism, design, and music in this Organ renders it the most desirable ever before manufactured for the parlor or drawing-room. Retail price asked for such an instrument by Agents, three years ago about \$370.00. My offer, Only \$97. Pay for the instrument only after you have fully tested it at your own home. It is not as represented, return at my expense, I paying freight both ways. Remember, this offer is at the very lowest figure, and that I positively will not deviate from this price. Fully warranted for 6 years. Every Organ sold, sells others. The most successful House in America. More unsolicited testimonials than any manufacturer. I have extended my sales now over the entire world. The sun shines no where but it lights my instruments. Since my recent return from an extended tour through the Continent of Europe, I am more determined than ever that no city or town throughout the entire civilized world shall be unrepresented by my celebrated instruments.

**BEATTY PIANO** \$125, \$135, \$145, and upwards. Beware of Imitations! Having recently been ELECTED MAYOR of my own city, should be sufficient proof of my responsibility. Illustrated Newspaper giving information about cost of organs sent free. Address: DANIEL F. BEATTY, Washington, New Jersey.

**MEDICAL HALL DISPENSARY,**  
MELMORE TERRACE,  
CROMWELL.

HENRY HOTOP,

Having purchased the Business lately conducted by Mr Max. Gall, begs to inform the residents of Cromwell, Clyde and the surrounding districts that he is now the only Dispensing Chemist in Vincent County, and that, to meet the requirements of his business, he has supplied himself with a Large Stock of

DRUGS, CHEMICALS & PATENT MEDICINES  
Of every description.

In connection with the above, H. HOTOP has also a most varied and choice Stock of

FANCY GOODS, PERFUMERY,  
SOAPS, COSMETICS, SCENTS,  
&c., &c., &c.

That will well repay a visit of inspection.

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Ledgers, Journals, Day and Minute Books, Writing Paper and Envelopes of all classes.

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English, European and American Newspapers and Journals supplied to Subscribers at low rates, and sent post free all over the country.

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(Choicest Brands).

N.B.—As the business will be conducted under the immediate supervision of Mr H. Hotop, all those who may favor him with their commands may rely on every attention being paid them.

Prescriptions most carefully dispensed. Orders received from the Clyde portion of the district will be promptly attended to.

HENRY HOTOP,  
Cromwell.

**NOBEL'S PATENT DYNAMITE.**

DALGETY, NICHOLS AND CO., Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners, and others, to the great strength of Dynamite compared with other explosives as shown below:—

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent.  
Nitro Glycerine, 93.36  
No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent  
Lithofractor of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofractor, viz:—

1 Case 50 lbs, 2s 9d per lb  
5        "       2s 6d       "  
10       "       2s 3d       "

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DALGETY, NICHOLS, AND CO.  
Bond-street, Dunedin.

N.B.—Supplies may be obtained from

D. A. JOLLY & CO., Cromwell.  
W. JENKINS, Arrowtown.



**CROMWELL ANNUAL RACE MEETING, DECEMBER, 1880.**

**THE CROMWELL DERBY**

A Sweepstake of 5 sovs each for all acceptors, with 50 sovs added by the Club. Two sovs forfeit. For three-year-olds bred in Vincent, Lake and Maniototo Counties. Derby weights: Colts, 8st 10lbs; Fillies, 8st 5lbs. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a half.

Nominations to be sent to the Secretary on or before the 24th day of May next; balance of sweep, £3, to be made good on night of general entry.

Declaration of forfeit to be made to the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 9th day of November, 1880, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

GEO. JENOUR,  
Secretary.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**

JAMES RICHARDS,  
GENERAL BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,  
Has REMOVED from Murray-Street to the Premises recently occupied by R. Wishart, ADJOINING BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, MELMORE-STREET.

Patrons and the public generally will please make a note of above.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**

R. WISHART,  
GENERAL BLACKSMITH,  
Has REMOVED to his  
**NEW PREMISES**

in Melmore Terrace,  
AT CORNER OF ERRIS-STREET.  
A short distance above the Post-office.

**TO THE PUBLIC OF CROMWELL AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.**

MICHAEL DALEY,  
BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,

Begs to inform the Inhabitants of Cromwell and Surrounding Districts that he has PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE of the late W. Taylor, and hopes for a continuance of the same liberal patronage enjoyed by the late firm.

All Orders and Repairs carefully and punctually attended to.

Note the Address—

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL  
(Opposite Talboys' London House, Drapery Establishment).

**IRON PIPING! IRON PIPING!!**  
CANVAS AND WOODEN FLUMING SUPERSEDED!

GEORGE PRESCOTT,  
S. T. BATHANS,

Begs to intimate to Proprietors and Mine Managers that he is now Manufacturing

**IRON PIPING**

(SUITABLE FOR SLICING AND OTHER PURPOSES)  
At a cost which will compare favorably with Dunedin prices, while his practical knowledge of Miners' requirements enables him to furnish a more suitable article than that imported.

Pipes made any length convenient for packing, and sent to any part of the country according to agreement.

G. P. would wish to draw the attention of Proprietors and Managers of Hydraulic-worked Mines to the utility and economy of the WATER DIRECTOR with the Ball and Socket Joint, which can be attached to the Iron Piping, thus altogether dispensing with canvas hose; and, with full pressure on, a child of ten years can move it any direction.

Note the Address—

GEORGE PRESCOTT,  
ST. BATHANS.

**NEW ZEALAND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.**

CAPITAL ... £100,000,  
In shares of £1 each

The undersigned is authorised to receive early APPLICATIONS for SHARES.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH.

## Vincent County Gazette.

## DEPASTURING.

The RANGER will be in attendance at the County Offices, Cromwell, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 19th and 20th inst., to receive Applications for Depasturing Licenses for the Cromwell Depasturing District.

JOHN S. DICKIE,  
Ranger.

County Offices, Clyde,  
March 16, 1880.

THE following List of Successful and Unsuccessful Tenderers is Published for General Information:—

CONTRACT 66A.—ROCKY POINT ROAD.		
Felix Fox (accepted) ...	£217	0 0
Pierce and Leishman (declined) ...	230	0 0
J. Crombie do ...	253	0 0
Patrick Cahill do ...	287	10 0

GEORGE CLARK,  
County Clerk.

Vincent County Offices,  
Clyde, March 11th, 1880.

## NOTICE.

All Stray CATTLE and HORSES found running on Mount Pisa Station after 1st April will be IMPOUNDED.

H. F. WILLMOTT.

March 16, 1880.

LOYAL CROMWELL LODGE,  
M. U. I. O. O. F.

The Regular Monthly Meeting takes place on FRIDAY next, 20th inst.

C. RAY,  
Secretary.

## V. R.

## NOTICE.

## DUNSTAN ELECTORAL DISTRICT.

"The Registration of Electors Act, 1879."

All Persons, not being aliens, whose names are not on the existing Roll, are hereby notified that if desirous of having their Names placed on the new Roll to be compiled under the above Act, immediate application is necessary.

Forms of application can be obtained, free of charge, at my office.

ARTHUR D. HARVEY,  
Registrar of Electors.

Registrar of Elector's Office,  
Clyde, 3rd March, 1880.

NEW ZEALAND PRESS CON-  
SULTATION No. 2.CHRISTCHURCH GREAT AUTUMN  
HANDICAP.

TO BE RUN ON TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1880.

CONSULTATION FEE - £1.

First ...	£400
Second ...	200
Third ...	100
Other Starters (divided) ...	150
Non-Starters (divided) ...	150
	£1,000

Applications should arrive before SATURDAY, 27th March, or they may be late.

Send Post Office orders or registered letters.

Cheques should be crossed and have 1s exchange added.

Two postage stamps necessary.

J. J. CONNOR,  
Treasurer.

Address—  
Atmospheric Printing Works, Octagon.

## TENDERS.

WANTED, Tenders for the SUPPLY of Oats, Chaff, Bran and Straw for the under-mentioned Stages for a period of 12 months from the 1st of April:—

Lawrence	Chatto Creek
Beaumont	White Horse (Becks)
Island Block	Blackstone Hill
Roxburgh	Naseby
Shingle Creek	Kyeburn
Butcher's Gully	Pigroot
Clyde	Palmerston
Cromwell	Victoria Bridge

Tenders must be lodged with the undersigned on or before Thursday, 25th March, 1880.

H. CRAIG & CO.,  
Cobb and Co's Office, Lawrence.

WANTED, Four SHEPHERDS for the WANAKA.—Apply on Station.

G. H. CHRISP,  
For Campbell and McLean.

## SCHOOL OF MINES.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.

To Intending Mining Engineers and Surveyors, Assayers, &c.

The SESSION Commences on the 1st of MAY.

Calendars giving full particulars may be obtained on application to the Registrar.

## NOTICE.

All Outstanding DEBTS must be SETTLED or arranged by the 1st of APRIL next, otherwise they will be put into the hands of my Solicitor for collection, without further notice.

On and after the above date, Discount will be allowed at the rate of 2d the 4lb Loaf; Monthly Payments.

JAMES SCOTT,  
Cromwell Bakery.

OPERA BOUFFE AND COMEDY  
COMPANY.

FOR A FEW NIGHTS ONLY!  
Commencing THURSDAY, 25th March.

The Performances of this company have, without exception, been pronounced by the Colonial Press to be without equal.

## Artistes:

Middle MENA MURIELLE ...	Soprano
C. H. CROTHERS ...	Tenor
T. B. BROWNING ...	Bass
F. W. FISHER ...	Buffo and Comedian
HARRY MILBURN ...	Pianist

Programme for First Night:  
Offenbach's Charming Operetta,  
"THE ROSE OF AUVERGNE."  
MUSICAL MELANGE.  
And the Comic Burletta,  
"THE SOLDIER'S RETURN."

## FRIDAY:

Offenbach's Operetta,  
"THE SOLDIER'S RETURN."  
MUSICAL MELANGE.  
And the Screaming Farce,  
"MARGERY'S SWEETHEARTS."

Dress Circle, 4s; Children under 14 years, 2s;  
Back Seats, 2s 6d; Children under 14, 1s 6d.

HAL GRAY,  
Advance Agent.

## RACES AND SPORTS.

To be held on

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 17th MARCH,

At the

MOUNT PISA HOTEL.

COMMENCING PUNCTUALLY AT ONE O'CLOCK.

## STEWARDS:

Messrs J. Smith, W. Scott, H. Partridge,  
and G. W. Goodger.

## PROGRAMME.

MAIDEN PLATE, of 5 sovs. Open to all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over L5. Distance, one mile; weight for age. Entrance, 7s 6d.

150YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE—1st prize, 30s. 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.

VAULTING with the Pole—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.

FREE HANDICAP, of L10; open to all horses. Distance, one mile and a half. Entrance, 12s 6d.

100YDS HANDICAP FOOT RACE—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.

RUNNING HIGH LEAP—1st, 20s; 2nd, 10s. Entrance, 2s 6d.

MT. PISA HANDICAP, of 7 sovs; for all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over L10. Distance, one mile and a quarter. Entrance, 10s.

THREE-LEGGED RACE; 150yds—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s. Cut for partners. Entrance, 2s 6d.

HACK RACE, of 5 sovs; for all horses that have never won an advertised prize. 10st up; distance, three-quarters of a mile. Entrance, 7s 6d.

STEP DANCE—1st prize, 20s; 2nd, 10s.

The decision of the Stewards in all cases to be final.

JAMES RAE,  
Secretary.

## FOR SALE.

240 MERINO RAMS—in lots to suit Purchasers.

Apply to  
H. F. WILLMOTT,  
Mt Pisa Station.

FOR SALE,  
AT ARDGOUR STATION.

6,000 Full-Mouthed and Aged EWES.

J. S. DEWAR,  
Manager.

FOR SALE,  
AT MORVEN HILLS STATION.

3,000 EWES, aged  
3,000 WETHERS, full-mouthed  
1,000 WETHERS, aged.

For particulars, apply to

A. M'PHAIL,  
Manager Morven Hills Station.

FOR SALE,  
Either in One Lot, or Otherwise.

Five Superior DRAUGHT HORSES  
One Large TIP-DRAY; and  
Two Sets of Cart and Leading HARNESS.

Apply to the

MILL MANAGER,  
Cromwell Co., Bendigo.

## FOR SALE.

A Five-Head BATTERY, Complete  
Overshot WATER-WHEEL (30ft diam.),  
with Spur Segment (20ft diam.); also,  
300ft FLUMING.

ALL IN GOOD ORDER.

For particulars, apply to the

MILL MANAGER,  
Cromwell Co., Bendigo.

## NOTICE.

Mr. A. F. BLOOD, Solicitor, desires to intimate to the inhabitants of Cromwell and neighborhood that he is LEAVING the District in a few days. Outstanding Accounts can be paid in to his credit at the Colonial Bank, Cromwell.

Documents have been left with Mr Colclough.

## ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT.

C. ANGEL,

BANNOCKBURN,

Invites his friends to

## A DANCE.

To be held on the night of

WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH,  
In celebration of the above event.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

## V. R.

## VINCENT COUNTY.

## 'ASSESSMENT COURT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Court for the purpose of Hearing and Determining all Objections to the Valuation Lists prepared for the above District of Vincent County for the current year, will sit on the dates and at the places mentioned hereunder:—

NAME OF RIDING.	DATE AND HOUR OF SITTING.	PLACE WHERE COURT HELD.
Hawea, Lindis, Clutha, Kawarau and Nevis ...	Saturday, 6th March, 1880, 11 a.m. ...	The County Office, Cromwell.
Manuherikia and Manakani ...	Tuesday, 9th March, 1880, 12 noon ...	The Resident Magistrate's Court House, Blacks.
Dunstan and Farnsclough ...	Thursday, 18th March, 1880, 12 noon ...	The Resident Magistrate's Court House, Clyde.

JACKSON KEDDELL, R.M.,

Judge of the Assessment Court  
for Vincent County.

R.M. Office, Clyde,  
February 3, 1880.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

I hereby invite the Citizens of Cromwell to keep St. Patrick's Day, 17th March, a Public Holiday from noon.

CHAS. COLOLOUGH,  
Mayor.

TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1880,  
At 3 o'clock.

WALTER PEAK STATION,  
WAKATIPU LAKE.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

MACLEAN & CO.

will submit to auction, at their Rooms,

Manse-street, Dunedin, on the above date,

THE WALTER PEAK STATION,

Comprising

24,000 acres or thereby, of which  
10,000 acres are held on Pastoral  
Lease, expiring 31st March, 1881,

Together with

8,000 First-class Merino Sheep, viz.,  
5,000 Wethers, chiefly young  
3,000 Ewes and Lambs

50 Rams

And

A few head of Cattle and Horses.

The improvements consist of a new stone dwelling-house of five rooms, with verandah, &c., woolshed, drafting yards, men's huts, shearing paddocks, large fruit and vegetable garden, &c.

The sheep are in excellent order, and are a particularly good flock, being chiefly bred from rams imported from Victoria; and the site of Homestead is one of the most beautiful and easily accessible in the Lake district.

Terms: One-third cash; balance at one and two years.

For further particulars, apply to

DALGETY & CO.,

Bond-street;

Or to

MACLEAN & CO.,

Manse-street, Dunedin.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

## RACES AND SPORTS

To be held at the

HAWEA FLAT HOTEL, HAWEA FLAT,

On

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17.

RACING TO COMMENCE AT 1 P.M. SHARP.

## STEWARDS:

A. Fraser, Esq. A. M'Phail, Esq.  
John Dewar, Esq. T. Frewen, Esq.

JUDGE: A. Fraser, Esq.

STARTER: T. Frewen, Esq.

CLERK OF COURSE: D. M'Lennan, Esq.

## PROGRAMME.

MAIDEN PLATE, of 5 sovs. For all horses that have never won public money. Weight for age. Distance, one mile. Entrance, 10s.

HAWEA FREE HANDICAP, of L7 10s. Distance, one mile and a half. Nominations, 7s 6d; acceptances, 7s 6d; whole forfeit.

HANDICAP TROTTING RACE, of 4 sovs. No weight under 10st. Distance, 3 miles. Entrance, 10s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of L5 10s. Open to all horses. Distance, two miles; over six flights of 3ft hurdles. Entrance, 10s.

CONSOLATION RACE, for all beaten horses. Post entry.

Foot Races and other Sports will Intervene.

The whole proceedings to be concluded with  
A DANCE, IN THE EVENING.

## RULES.

No horse will be qualified to run, unless the bona fide owner be a subscriber of at least 10s to the funds.

Three horses to enter for each event, or no race.

In the event of a protest, one sov. must be lodged with a Steward, and if such protest be considered frivolous, the money shall be forfeited.

All disputes to be settled by the Stewards.

R. CAYFORD,

Hon. Secretary.



## POSTAL NOTICE.

The next Frisco mail will close here at noon on Wednesday, 24th inst.

The next Suez mail will close here on Monday, 5th April, at noon.

W. T. WARD, Postmaster.

## BIRTH.

At Cromwell, on the 13th inst., the wife of William Howard (Lindis), of a Daughter.

## Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1880.

The Dunstan district is sadly behind-hand in acclimatisation matters. Its residents, with one or two exceptions—notably, in Cromwell, Mr S. M. DALGLIESH and Mr G. W. GOODGER,—have shown a culpable indifference to so valuable a matter as stocking the County with birds and animals, and our streams with fish. From all quarters we read accounts of the success attending efforts to introduce things that vary the barrenness of New Zealand in many places, and make it more attractive. Individual efforts are most praiseworthy, but to obtain a large and extended benefit it is necessary that any movement in this direction should be conducted by some public body—one in the success of which all would feel that they have an interest. The branch society at Queenstown and the agency at Arrowtown show plainly what can be accomplished by a united effort. These local bodies are affiliated with the Dunedin society, and work in unison with the parent body. They indirectly receive, in the shape of a grant in money, a portion of the subsidy voted by the Assembly in aid of acclimatisation purposes, and we believe this amounts to £100 per annum, but we are not quite certain as to the exact sum. The fees received for trout-fishing and game-shooting, though handed over to the Dunedin society, are virtually returned to the local contributing bodies. All these branch societies are the result of local earnestness (approaching to almost a patriotic spirit), for the seed sown now will be for the general public benefit hereafter, and the result will then be measured by a thousandfold return; but to do this public good, people have stepped forward, put their hands in their pockets, and paid an annual subscription. The Municipal Council at Queenstown is said to have expended over £300 in this direction, and the Lake County Council has also given a donation of £25, if not more, to the local society. It may be said that not much has been gained by so lavish an expenditure, but failures and want of experience made the first attempts costly ones. A society established here, even though late in the day, would receive the benefit of all these efforts made in the Lake or other districts. It would not be necessary, for example, to procure fish ova or even young from a long distance, or incur the risk of those toilsome journeys of two and three days in a coach, specially chartered for the service. Abundance of material to work upon can be obtained from enterprising neighbors on either side of us. Though time has been lost, a gain is obtained in the result of trials made by others—we are enabled to profit by their experience. We have a number of rivulets and creeks quite suitable for trout, and ponds and dams in which to place perch. Messrs DALGLIESH and GOODGER have shown us that pheasants will succeed. The Californian quail is another bird easily procurable. Hares could be also introduced, and they would, in two or three years, afford coursing sport, for which this district is admirably suited, besides affording a tempting dish of food. Then such a body could see to the planting of useful and ornamental trees, and in a variety of ways do much to make our local habitation more attractive and enjoyable. We trust that the matter will be taken up in an earnest spirit,—that without loss of time a local body will be formed and be properly and zealously supported by the residents of the district, who in the end will be the chief gainers from the successful inauguration of so useful a society.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

DUNEDIN, March 15, 9.15 a.m.

A diabolical murder was committed in Cumberland-street early yesterday. James Grant, a butcher, aged 30 years, was killed in bed by the blow of an axe on his head, and his boy, aged one year, suffocated in bed from smoke. Mrs Grant had three wounds on her head, inflicted by an axe, and was found unconscious. She died early this morning. The murderer, after finishing his work, set fire to the bed. The fire attracted the attention of neighbors, none of whom had heard the slightest noise about the place. There is great excitement in the city. The police are completely baffled, as no motive for the deed is apparent.

This Day, 9.33 a.m.

The police at Waikouaiti last night arrested a man named Butler, alias Donnelly, on suspicion of being the Cumberland-street murderer. On being confronted by the constables he presented a six-shooter, fully loaded, but made no attempt to use it. Butler was recently discharged from gaol, after doing three years for burglary. Great excitement continues. The inquest will be held to-day.

Arnold Milton, ex-librarian of the Dunedin Athenaeum, who absconded on bail, has been arrested at Timaru.

Joseph Ives, proprietor of the Ashburton Mail, has been committed for trial on a charge of criminal libel.

Young Scott walked 109 miles within four minutes of 24 hours.

Major Stapp, commanding the Nelson Volunteers, died suddenly.

Counterfeit florins are circulating in Dunedin.

Two boys, James and Conway, have been committed for trial for stealing jewellery.

The Waimate bush fire cases are now being tried before the Supreme Court.

## LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, March 14.

The wool sales closed firm. Prices for fleece in grease show an average rise of 3d—scoured, 5d, and combed 6d, compared with average rates at first series last year.

Earl Derby writes to Lord Sefton declaring he has now positively given adherence to the Liberals.

There is great excitement at Sargon, Cochinchina, relative to the French occupation of Tonquin. The Japan Executive are considering the necessity of establishing a national assembly.

The King of Siam visits the European capitals.

The Nihilist who attempted to assassinate General Melikoff is found to be a baptised Jew, and his connection with the Nihilist organisation is undoubted.

Acting under the despotic powers conferred upon him, Melikoff has ordered the man's immediate execution without trial by hanging.

March 15.

Wodesky was hanged this morning outside St. Petersburg in presence of an immense concourse of spectators. When interrogated as to his accomplices the prisoner firmly refused to afford the authorities any information. He was escorted from the gaol to the gallows by a strong force of military and police as an attempt at rescue was apprehended. During the execution a disturbance occurred, and for some time an emeute seemed imminent, but the police apprehended the ringleaders and order was restored.

An official telegram received from the Viceroy states that advices from Cabul say hostile tribes are organising and becoming daily more menacing. The Kohistans, who had manifested friendly feelings towards the British, as recently as January last, have again revolted and joined the insurgents in large numbers. Sirdar Shahbar Khan, Native Governor of Kohistan, recently appointed by General Roberts, has been obliged to withdraw to Cabul for protection.

There is a popular movement in Finland (Ireland) for independence.

The second reading of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill has been carried by an immense majority in the Canadian Commons.

China is preparing heavily for war. The Russian difficulty is the principal cause, but there is on the part of China a defiant attitude generally to foreigners.

Latest news received from the seat of war in South America states that in spite of the understanding come to between Chili and Peru that hostilities should not be resumed for some time, naval operations have been commenced by the Chilians. The Chilean fleet, which, by recent advices, had been blockading Arica, has made an attack on the town, which it bombarded with considerable effect. During the engagement the Chilean commander of the ironclad Huascar was killed by the Peruvian guns.

## LATEST.

On Butler, alias Donnelly, has been found some articles stolen from Mr Stamper's house, which it is now believed had been set fire to by him.

Butler has been remanded till Monday. Besides the charges of murder and presenting a loaded revolver at Constable Townsend's head, he will be charged with burglary at Stamper's house. This place was found to be on fire under suspicious circumstances early on Saturday morning, and some of Stamper's property was found on Butler when arrested.

Joseph Jones has been arrested for arson at North East Harbor.

The Mayor invites citizens to observe a half-holiday to-morrow, being St. Patrick's Day.

The Tinkers' correspondent of the *Ida Chronicle* gives currency to a rumor that Dr Leahy, surgeon of the Clyde hospital, is leaving the district.

The Press Consultation on the Christchurch Autumn Handicap is announced in another column. We believe tickets can be obtained in Cromwell.

Mr H. E. Willmott, of Mt. Pisa, has been appointed a member of the Licensing Court for the district and town of Cromwell, in room of Mr Loughnan, resigned.

The Government has given instructions to the Public Works Department to meet the recent demands of the unemployed by opening up sections of railway in Otago and Canterbury. Immediate steps will be taken to comply with the order.

The appointments of Sub-Lieutenant David Anderson Jolly to be Lieutenant, Charles Colclough to be Sub-Lieutenant, and Charles Aitken Staepole to be honorary assistant-surgeon of the Cromwell Rifles has been gazetted.

The Wanganui 1.1000 Cup was won by Betrayer, Hornby second, Soukar, third. Time, 4min. 10sec. Fifteen started.

Mr James Richards, blacksmith, intimates that he is now in occupation of those premises adjoining the Bank of New Zealand formerly occupied by Mr R. Wishart.

Mr Thomas Birch, formerly Mayor of Dunedin, died on board the s.s. Penguin during her passage from Gisborne to Auckland, on Saturday. He left Dunedin in order to recover his health.

The result of the recent election of members of the Otago Education Board is the return of Messrs Fulton, Clark and Fergus. The voting, respectively was 106, 106, and 64. Of the other four candidates, Mr E. B. Cargill was highest with 36 votes.

It is expected that the new road to Bendigo on the eastern bank of the Clutha River will be open for traffic as far as Perriam's by the end of June, when the County will either put on a new punt in the vicinity of Lowburn, or make arrangements with Mr Perriam for the use of his, until the road to and bridge at Deadman's Point is completed.

The Session of the First Church, Invercargill, have decided to give a call to the Rev John Ferguson, as minister of their church, and it is said the rev. gentleman has signified his willingness to accept. This information will have rather a depressing effect on the Presbyterian churchmen of the Cromwell district, who were hopeful of securing Mr Ferguson's ministrations.

"Ruin of the Turf in New Zealand" is the title of a pamphlet received by us from "Kosmos," a well-known sporting writer in the Home country and who is now visiting Dunedin. The essay is intended to prove, that effects disastrous to the sport of horse racing must inevitably follow the general use of the "Totalisator," and it cannot but be admitted that "Kosmos" has made out a very strong case. We would advise our sporting friends to procure the pamphlet as we are certain it will be read with interest.

We very much regret the annoyance experienced by our Bendigo and Morven Hills subscribers in the late delivery of THE ARGUS. On account of recent changes in the mail service rendered necessary by the direct route being closed, it is impossible to obviate the difficulty unless the Bendigo people take steps to have the day of mail delivery changed from Tuesday to Wednesday—a concession that would, we are sure, be immediately granted were the necessity represented to the Chief Postmaster. The alteration would involve no inconvenience to the Bendigo people, be willingly adopted by Mr Kidd, the mail contractor, and ensure prompt delivery of the local paper.

We are indebted to the local Police for the subjoined agricultural statistics of the Cromwell division of Vincent County, and which were collected during last month. The quantity of land broken up but not under crop was 496 acres. In wheat, 69 acres were sown, the estimated yield from which is put down at 2330 bushels. Oats for green food or hay covered 315½ acres, and for grain 812 acres, the product expected being 23,767 bushels. Twelve acres of barley are sown, calculated to give 340 bushels. Under the head of "grasses," we find that there are 209 acres broken up and in cultivation, while 243½ acres are devoted to hay without having been broken up. 404 tons of potatoes are looked for from 102½ acres planted with the indispensable tuber. Various crops, not enumerated, occupy 38½ acres. Of last year's crop remaining on hand, the returns show only 4 bushels of wheat, and of oats 464 bushels.

Our telegrams to-day convey startling intelligence respecting a terrible tragedy enacted in Dunedin on Sunday morning, wherein a man and his wife were brutally murdered and their child suffocated. It will be seen that a man named Butler alias Donnelly has been arrested on suspicion of the diabolical crime, and strong evidence is present of his having during the same night been guilty of arson, the residence of a Dunedin solicitor, Mr Stamper, having been destroyed by fire, and some property stolen from the house found on Donnelly when arrested. An attempt at burglary was made at a neighboring house, that of Mr Grant P. Farquhar, the same night, but it was not successful. The man Donnelly will be remembered as a resident in Cromwell in 1876, when he assumed the position of teacher in the Catholic School here, but was dismissed for irregular conduct and a well-grounded suspicion of having stolen a sum of money from the residence of the Rev. Father Kehoe. Shortly afterwards he was arrested in Dunedin and tried for a number of robberies from houses he had burglariously entered, one of them being that of Bishop Moran. For the purposes of disguise he had broken into the property-room of the Queen's Theatre and stolen therefrom wigs, and this ultimately led to his arrest and conviction, when he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Whoever the murderer may be, he appears to have declared war against society, and to have developed bloodthirsty propensities. The instrument used by the murderer was an American axe, and Mr Grant's skull was cleft with one blow, and death must have been instantaneous. It is evident that he was attacked while asleep, and that after the blow was dealt he never moved. The murderer then turned on Mrs Grant, and inflicted three wounds on the left side of the head with the back of the axe. One of the blows must have been very violent, as it almost carried away the ear. She was no doubt supposed to be killed also, but in this the ruffian was mistaken, as although she was left unconscious, life was not extinct. An infant child was sleeping in the bed at the time, but no attack was made on it, but it was suffocated by the smoke. The work of murder having now been completed, a lighted candle was placed under the bed, with the view of destroying all traces of the crime. Happily this intention was frustrated, as the smoke from the burning building, was observed, and the fire subdued before it got a hold. Donnelly has been charged with the awful crime, and has been remanded till Monday next.

Mr Loughnan's fine stallion Architect has been purchased by Mr John Russell, a Southland settler.

Mr C. M'Kenna has become the owner of the well-known local race-horse Haricot, which, with other effects of the late W. Taylor, was brought under the hammer on Wednesday last. 141 was the figure at which Mr M'Kenna secured the gallant grey—a decided bargain, judging by his past performances.

Although every effort was made to have the body of the unfortunate man (found in the Molyneux near Clyde on Sunday week), identified, the results were unsatisfactory. Deceased must have been a stranger in this locality, or, from the publication of his peculiar marks, he must have been recognised by someone in the district. At the inquest on the body, Dr Leahy stated that there was nothing to account for death but drowning; so far as could be seen, there were no wounds sufficient to cause death. The jury therefore, without retiring, returned a simple verdict of "Found drowned."

The following appears in the report of proceedings at a meeting of the Otago Acclimatisation Society held on Wednesday last:—Mr Handyside, the Society's ranger at Morven Hills, wrote, asking to be allowed to shoot two stags.—It was mentioned that permission to shoot a couple of stags at the Morven Hills had been given some time ago, but that the applicant could not carry his purpose into effect.—The Chairman informed the meeting that a gentleman who had been at Lindis Pass lately had told him that he came across a herd of 30 or 40 deer.—It was resolved to comply with the request.

The following paragraph from the *Clutha Leader* should give hope to our Lower Flat settlers:—"The floods of 1878 have done so much damage to the settlers in this district that we are delighted to mention one instance where they have wrought some good. This is undoubtedly the case on Mr Griffiths' farm, where we were yesterday shown a field of 50 acres of red straw wheat which would be very hard to beat in any part of the colony. The crop is entirely grown on the silt left by the flood, the thickness being from one foot to eighteen inches, and Mr Griffiths informs us he expects the paddock to yield an average of 60 bushels to the acre."

We hear grave complaints of the dilatoriness of the Government in dealing with applications for land in Vincent County under the Homestead clause of the Mines Act, 1877. This section has been proclaimed operative within the county, and several applications have been duly made and favorably reported upon. The applicants are meantime kept in suspense, and are losing valuable time in awaiting the granting of their several lots of land. We commend the matter to the notice of the County Chairman, who should lose no time in urging the settlement of this matter. The proclamation, if of any value, should be capable of being operated upon, and we very much fear that pressure is being exercised in interested circles to obstruct the settlement of the claims of the several applicants.

The following (writes a correspondent at Arrowtown) will give creditors a fair idea of how the proceeds of an estate are melted after its gross proceeds have realised nearly 20s in the £. The case alluded to (*in re Algeo*, a bankrupt) was heard at the last sitting of the District Court at Arrowtown, on application of bankrupt's solicitor for an order on the trustee to pay £42 8s 4d costs. The creditors' trustee stated to his Honor that he had realised upon all the property available with considerable trouble during the past eight months; he had realised a total of £73 14s, and the proved debts were about £74 10s of all accounts he knew. The expenses were some £28, thus leaving a balance of £46 10s to be divided among the creditors. The bankrupt had stated to him (the trustee) that he had paid his lawyer a considerable sum to get him through the Court, and the trustee having had, up to 29th January last, no more demands under the estate, declared a dividend of 11s in the £. After notice to that effect was published, he was presented with the above bill of costs, which he considered the bankrupt should pay—the more especially as he had been in receipt of £2 10s a week for many months after his declaration of insolvency, and although he (the trustee) had ordered the bankrupt to pay into the estate the sum of 10s per week, he had not up to the present time paid anything. He asked his Honor to make an order for the bankrupt to pay the whole of his solicitor's costs, his Honor said in reply he could make no order; the bankrupt was supposed to have nothing, and if he did not pay the 10s per week, according to the trustee's order, he should be summoned before him. An order would be granted for the solicitor's costs applied for. The trustee ventured to express an opinion that the costs were most extravagant, whereupon the solicitor warned him that he laid himself open to an action for slander. The trustee appealed to his Honor as to whether he had said anything disrespectful. The Judge held that nothing wrong had been said; the trustee was not the taxing-master, however. The Court would tax the costs. This having been done, his Honor deducted 18 16s 10d, leaving a balance of 1.33 11s to be paid the solicitor—thus making the total expenses of administering the estate somewhere about 1.62, and leaving about 1.11 to be divided among the creditors, out of 1.73 14s realised by the trustee after considerable trouble. This little history will give the British public a fair idea of the chances of a dividend in a small bankrupt estate, under certain circumstances.

The serious depression which has so long existed in every industry throughout this district has not been lost sight of by W. TALBOYS, who happily has been in a position to mitigate the evil to some extent by selling his Drapery and other Stock at prices lower than ever. By judicious cash purchases while the market was favorable, the proprietor of London House secured large stocks of splendid goods for spring and summer wear, and which he is enabled to dispose of at prices never before known in Cromwell. Every article of its kind is good and substantial, and will be found full value. Call and inspect before purchasing—W. TALBOYS' London House, Cromwell.—[Advt.]

## VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

The Lake District Volunteers have, during the past week, been inspected by Major-General Davidson. The Cromwell company was to have paraded on Wednesday last, but owing to the inclement weather the inspection was postponed till last evening. Over 40 members were present, and the drill generally gave satisfaction to the inspecting officer, who, through Captain Brown, spoke highly of the officers' qualifications, and informed the company that he would have pleasure in reporting favorably of the men's efficiency. A considerable number of ladies and gentlemen occupied the stage of the Athenaeum Hall during the evening. The Queenstown corps was inspected on Friday evening, about 40, including band, being on parade. The Arrow muster was a disappointment, the weather throughout the whole of Saturday being such as to preclude the attendance of any members living out of the township. With their new uniforms, recently received from England, the Queenstown and Arrow men presented a very fine appearance, and the Major-General spoke in favorable terms of the work done, considering the disadvantages of limited space for wheeling and extended movements. Capt. Brown, commanding the District, was present at the several inspections.

A shooting match by the members of the Cromwell company has been arranged for tomorrow (St Patrick's Day) at the Cromwell butts. Firing begins at one o'clock.

We understand that Captain Brown, commanding the District, with a view to testing the shooting capabilities of the Arrow, Queenstown and Cromwell companies—which has been much discussed since the District prize-firing—has offered a five-guinea medal to be competed for at the Arrow butts between five men from each corps, the match to take place on Saturday, 17th April. It is to be hoped that the match will be arranged as the result will be eagerly watched not only by District Volunteers, but also by the general public.

The Queenstown battery of Artillery has lodged a protest against the firing of the Arrow and Cromwell companies for the District prizes. The grounds of objection are—(1) That members have fired at Bannockburn and Macetown, and been awarded prizes—those ranges not having been appointed places for firing.—(2) That members of both corps have fired keeping their own scores, the officers (supervisors) appointed respectively not being in charge.

Our Queenstown correspondent mentions a rumor that Capt. Finn will assume command of the Lake District on 1st ultimo. It will be remembered that this officer resigned the position on being elected to the House of Representatives, when Capt Brown was appointed to the office. No official intimation has been made of the change, so that it is impossible now to touch upon the reasons that have led to the re-appointment of Capt. Finn—supposing the statement made to be correct.

The *Volunteer Service Gazette* severely criticises the manner in which the Prize-firing was conducted at Nelson. It says that "from Majors Baillie and Lean down to the scorers and markers, muddling seems to have been the order of the day."

Captain James Thomson has been appointed Major of the Southland Volunteer District, notwithstanding the amount of wire-pulling and adverse influence exercised in certain quarters against him. Although a young man, Major Thomson is in every respect qualified for the office to which he has been promoted, and will prove no mere ornament, but a practical worker for the advancement of volunteering.

It is stated by the Oamaru papers that at least 120 Volunteers from North Otago will attend the review to be held at Christchurch during Easter, including portions of all the companies forming a battalion.

The total number of Volunteers in the colony is 8247, exclusive of cadets, who number 1901.

The *Southland News* understands that the General Manager of the Southland section of railways has expressed his willingness to provide a special train to carry the Volunteers visiting the Christchurch Demonstration from Invercargill to Dunedin on the night of the Thursday preceding Good Friday, in order to enable them to proceed with the Dunedin men North on the following day. The only stipulation is that the number of men going must be sufficient to warrant the Department in putting the train on.

## VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

The County Clerk has forwarded to us copy of Order Paper of business set down for the meeting to be held to-morrow week:—

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Cr Pitches to move—"That a sum of £50 be voted by the Council for the purpose of celebrating the opening of the Ophir bridge on its completion."

Cr Naylor to move—"That the pitched crossing in Sunderland street, Clyde, be put in repair at a cost not exceeding £10."

Cr Naylor to move—"That a sum not exceeding £100 be appropriated to the purpose of forming a nursery of forest trees for planting out and for distribution in the County."

Cr Naylor to move—"That a chair be placed across the Clutha River, near Mutton Town, at a cost not exceeding £."

Cr John Perriam to move—"That £17 10s be voted to John Perriam for removing sediment off the Wanaka Road and otherwise rendering the road at the Lowburn fit for traffic after the September floods."

## ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 13.

The talk of the day is, of course, the Masonic ball, and although everybody expected something grand and exclusive, but few seemed to be prepared to find that there were germs of an "Arrow-stockrace," smouldering in the hitherto unpretentious society of the Arrow. Whether the fact that we are getting poorer, and consequently prouder, has anything to do with it, it is difficult to decide, but it is clear that the golden rule—one man is as good as another—does no longer apply to Arrow society, and by the distinction lately made, it would appear that the women are a "big, big D" worse—that is, however, only in their own estimation—for it is with the fair sex that the division occurs, and nobody can tell how deep it may go, or where it may end. Somehow or another the fact has been discovered that female servants are not so good as their female masters. I would like to know who made the discovery? I know a few mistresses, whom I also knew as servants a few years ago, but were I asked the question as to their improvement by the transmigration, the answer would puzzle me more than any other. Moral for the Arrow ladies—

Ne'er go to service, if a lady you'd be,  
And a member of the Arrow-stockrace.

After many delays, caused by some hitch or another, the sale of the lease of the Arrowtown extension came off at last. There was a fair muster of buyers, and in many of the lots put up the bidding was lively, though by no means keen. The lots, which averaged about one acre and a quarter, fetched about an average of 15s yearly rental each. This price is certainly not very high, but when it is considered that the land is of an inferior quality, and not favorably situated, except that it is in close proximity to the town, it realised as much as it is worth. In the meantime the great end has been served; settlement of the right kind has been promoted, and very material assistance will be rendered the corporation, whose coffers will be benefited to the extent of some £50 per annum.

Last week furnished another proof of the payability of the Macetown reefs. A cake of 131ozs—the result of 130 tons of stone from the Gladstone Co.'s claim—was turned out by the Maryborough Battery. The cake is exceedingly clean, and quite a beauty. The stone put through the mill, for the above quantity of gold, contained a great deal of mullock, which, under the circumstances, could not possibly be separated. The company obtained the quartz under some difficulty, on account of the great angles described by the reef. The reef has now again resumed the vertical, and measures fully three feet in width, showing gold freely. Other cakes are shortly expected from the Tip, Maryborough, and Homeward Bound companies. The North Tipperary is expected to strike the reef shortly.

Speaking of the Macetown reefs, I feel called upon to warn your readers against accepting as literally correct all the news and statements which emanate from Queenstown concerning these reefs. It is sufficiently evident that a strong substratum of jealousy exists in the City of the Lakes, and correspondents in that quarter, for their own peace, would do better by leaving the circulation of news from the reefs to local reporters, who have superior facilities of sifting the truthfulness or otherwise of the news going. To show the harm promiscuous statement may do, I may mention that a local, which appeared in the *Wakatip Mail*, stating that labor on the reef was scarce, was the means of bringing people from a distance up to Macetown, only to find that they have been sent upon a wild goose chase. The writer of the local must have been utterly ignorant and heartless in bringing men from a distance at this time of the year, when it is well known that companies are compelled to shorten hands.

The first death occurred at the Arrow Hospital on Friday last. Mrs W. Houlihan, who has been ailing for some time, departed this life after a painful illness, and was buried on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Father Mackay officiated at the burial ceremony.

News reached here last Thursday that the Governor had signed an Order in Council for a loan of £2500 for a water supply for Arrowtown. As may easily be surmised the information has caused general satisfaction. The surveys and other preliminaries for the commencement of the work are already completed, and when the loan has passed the several committees, and reached the disbursement stage, the work may at once be commenced. It is not likely that any difficulty will arise to prevent the Council completing negotiations, for as far as can be learned, the terms offered are extremely liberal. The interest is fixed at 7 per cent. per annum, and the amount is to be repaid in 25 yearly instalments of £100 each.

Major-General Davidson and Acting-Major Brown of your town, in command of Vincent and Lake County Volunteer Corps, inspected the Arrow contingent, on Saturday last. Owing to the day and night being miserably wet and cold, only a limited number of Volunteers put in an appearance. The men who attended the inspection did their best, as did also Instructor Scully, who sermonised less upon this occasion than is usual with him. Some say that the men were put out by this unwonted phenomenon in the sergeant, and that by sheer surprise they were quite bewildered and went frequently astray.

## QUEENSTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 14.

Volunteering has formed the chief topic of conversation here during the past week. Some way or another, nearly every male member of our small community is directly or indirectly interested in the corps. The approaching review at Christchurch and the official visit of inspection of Major-General Davidson have lent their interest to the talk of the day. About 50 volunteers from the Arrow and Queenstown, including our brass band, will go to the review. The corps under inspection on Friday night at the Town Hall attracted a large attendance, and the ladies came out in great force in the gallery, witnessing the various evolutions. The drill was unsatisfactory, as room drills in a limited space must be—the new recruits were not up to the mark, and the officers also sometimes made mistakes. Yet the body looked a fine one, and in some movements were perfect, as in marching and retiring in line. This part of the drill was favorably noticed by the inspecting officer, who, however, through Captain Finn, told the company that they were unsteady in other movements. The band played magnificently, and gained warm encomiums from the General both on parade and for a serenade afterwards. Mr Nancarrow excelled himself on the cornet, and if he proves in the same good form at Christchurch, his playing is sure to attract attention. It is stated that arrangements have been made whereby Capt. Finn resumes command of the district. The change, it is said, is to take place on the 1st of April next, but it may prove a *canard* or an All Fool's Day joke. It should be mentioned that much of the smartness in appearance of the local corps is due to the improvement made in their regimentals; the helmets are very showy, being in black with burnished brass mountings. Therefore, as far as dress is concerned, the local corps has no cause to be ashamed of its appearance on parade.

We are threatened with an influx of visitors at Eastertide, and where they are to find accommodation is already a matter of conjecture. There is to be an "old identity" picnic, and then the Government cheap excursion. It seems but the other day that such a trip was a hard and long three days' journey, and that one had to "fork out" for the privilege of having one's limbs almost dislocated the trifling sum of £6 10s and travelling expenses. The times are indeed changed, but the only lament that can arise comes from coaching circles—from King Cobb, who is dethroned and whose vocation is gone. But where are the people to be housed? Those whom Host Eichardt chooses to accommodate will be "in clover." The other hotels will accommodate 50 or 60 more, but the invasion is spoken about as of hundreds coming. The day is not far distant when we shall see an hotel company. The suggestion in these days of companies is presented for the consideration of so enterprising an hotel-keeper as Mr Eichardt. He has plenty of ground and a commanding position, but to build a palatial hotel, worthy of the Lake, is beyond the limits of an individual person. We shall, of course, have to do the best we can with (in some cases, it is to be feared) the "noble army of martyrs." Much, however, depends upon the clerk of the weather.

The County Council has at last received its quota of the retained Provincial sum of £64,000, the General Government having been compelled to "ante up." The sum is £5,700, which will in all probability be added to by another £300. The Hon. Mr McLean deserves the thanks of the various county councils for his three years' exertions to secure the repayment of a debt due to the old Province of Otago. The Council is now in funds to the extent of some £10,000. With every probability of the whole of the land fund being seized, and of the withdrawal of the £ for £ subsidy, it behoves that body to be more careful for the future and deal with this handsome amount as if it were a nest-egg. Time will tell. In the meantime the Macetown companies for an expenditure of £300 upon a purely local road won't sign a bond pledging themselves to keep the road made with it in repair till the 30th November next. The refusal is not at all a pleasing feature, especially if the reefs are so rich as stated. The guarantee is merely a flea-bite.

Heavy rains have fallen, and the grass crop may yet partially recover. "Better late than never" is an old saying exemplified in this instance, and that is all that can be said about it. The high winds which accompanied the rain have played "old gooseberry" with the orchards. The fruit this year is not so good and large as in previous ones, the protracted drought having told severely upon the trees, and producing the red spider and aphid, galore.

Wheat is unsaleable over 3s 4d on the spot, and farmers will send away a good deal of produce. Mr Dwyer and another large grower propose shipping Home direct from the Bluff. At last rates quoted, wheat is worth fully 5s 6d per bushel at Home.

Our Mt. Ida contemporary understands that the horse "Scamp," the winner of the Dunedin Jockey Club Hurdle Race and the Steeplechase, was bred in Vincent County, and was till quite lately owned and raced at district meetings in Maniototo and Vincent under the name of "Larrikini" by Mr Jones, of Cambrian. He was always considered a good little horse for a district meeting, but hardly good enough for anything else. He was sold at the Naseby racecourse in January last year to the late Mr James Duncan, of Palmerston, for £21.

## INVERCARGILL.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)

March 9.

The common cry for some time past has been for rain, and it is not often the people of Southland are short of the above commodity. The boot is generally on the other foot. We often have too much; but for the last two or three months, hardly a bucketful has fallen. The results in some of the dry localities have no doubt been ruinous to the owners of stock. Cattle and sheep began to die off, for the want of moisture. About the town many of the inhabitants have been obliged for some time past to buy their water at the rate of 5s per barrel! and if rain does not soon come, a great deal of sickness may be expected. There have been several cases of diphtheria already—one or two having a fatal termination. If this sultry and muggy weather continues much longer, the results will be distressing. The municipal authorities have taken every precaution to guard against an epidemic, by depositing powerful disinfectants along the bottoms of the ditches and back-slums, which abound in the locality. But, as I am writing this, rain has set in—thank goodness! How long it will last, is another thing. To do any good, we want at least about 48 hours of a steady down-pour—not only for a supply of the precious liquid, but to wash away and cleanse the accumulations of filth which must have gathered during this long spell of hot weather.

The resuscitated Southland Jockey Club held its first Race-meeting at the old course at One-tree Point on Thursday and Friday last. Of course the weather both days was all that could be wished for. The racing itself was very poor, except one or two of the minor events, which were well contested. The "Cup" race may be regarded as a perfect farce, except to the owner of Chancellor and Titania, who pocketed the money. The handicapping was ridiculous; district horses stood no chance with such cracks. For one race run on Friday, the Stewards took the handicapping out of Mr Moore's hands, and, believe me, they made it "hot" for the Dunedin horses—so hot that the horses were scratched for that particular event. As it is, Messrs Mason and Goodman, between them, take over £300 of the whole amount of prize-money—£400 odd. They say "bought wit is better than taught wit." The committee next year must either make the Cup money larger, to ensure keener competition, by bringing a greater number of good horses together; or the handicapping must be on a different scale to this last meeting, so as to give better satisfaction to the subscribers to the race fund and the public in general.

The Invercargill Garrison Band gave a promenade concert in the balcony of Sloan's Theatre on Saturday evening. The pieces selected were from a new version of "William Tell," received from Home by the mail before last. The composition took a prize of 300 guineas at a musical festival in Manchester, and it is intended to make this the band's *chef d'œuvre* at the forthcoming review at Christchurch.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, February 23.

General Loris Melikoff's dictatorship has checked the panic in St. Petersburg. The *Standard* alleges that General Melikoff is a natural son of the Czar by an Armenian lady.

Vera Sassulitch, who some time ago created great interest in connection with the Nihilist plots, has been arrested at St. Petersburg.

The North German *Gazette*, Berlin *Post*, and *Pesther Lloyd* violently threaten Russia, and say that it is necessary to crush Pan-Slavism in order to prevent a Franco-Russian alliance. They allege that the condition of Russia is favorable for the opportunity of crippling her.

A list of 27 matches has been arranged for the Australian cricketers between the 17th of May and 10th of September.

March 8.

It has been announced to-day that Parliament will be dissolved at Easter. The general elections will take place during April, and the new Parliament will, it is expected, be summoned for the despatch of business at the beginning of May.

March 9.

The Premier (Earl Beaconsfield) has issued a manifesto addressed to the Viceroy of Ireland, in which he invites the opinion of the country on the question of the maintenance of the unity of the British Empire. His Lordship further asks Ireland to express an opinion as to the necessity or otherwise for a predominance of English influence in the councils of Europe.

WASHINGTON, March 9.

President Hayes, in a message to the Senate, has pointed out that it is necessary that the construction and working of the Panama Canal should be under the control of the United States.

LONDON, March 11.

In the House of Commons to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer delivered his Budget Speech. In the course of it he showed that the revenue for the past financial year amounted to £80,860,000, and the expenditure to £84,216,000. He estimated the revenue for the ensuing financial year at £81,560,000, and the expenditure at £81,485,000. To meet the last deficiency £6,000,000 of Exchequer bills will be converted into terminable annuities. There will be no increase of taxation.

March 12.

Information has been received from Shanghai that a serious revolt of Chinese at Peking has taken place. Ching How, a high Chinese official, has been beheaded by the rebels.

The wool sales have closed, the quantity sold being 190,000 bales. There was none held over.



WAKATIPU QUARTZ-MINING.

[BY OUR QUEENSTOWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Mr James Davies and party returned on Saturday week to obtain further requirements for the prosecution of their prospecting exertions. They have sunk a shaft to the depth of twelve feet, and driven through a clearly defined reef. They brought down large blocks of stone from all portions of the shaft—that is from the various portions of the reef, through which they broke twice. The reef is three or four feet wide, and gold is seen all through the stone, but not without examination. A combined sample of some 20 pounds is being forwarded to the Laboratory (museum Wellington) for further testing purposes; also a sample from a probable silver mine or antimony lode or reef. Davies and party appear to have no intention to form a company and sell scrip; if they did so, it is doubtful whether success would attend them. The whole district is a network of reefs, and several other pronounced reefs are known. Reefing will, however, always require, for a time at least, capital to develop its industry. Unless the Queenstown people are more alive to their interests than they are at present, it would not be surprising to find that Dunedin and other centres will be fitting out prospecting parties and score "lucky finds. With the net-work of reefs just mentioned, room exists for all. The "Macetown reefs," so hard and costly to work, tend to your direction; the Shotover reefs strike towards the West Coast. No fear can be entertained about the reefing resources of Otago and Southland. They will not all be reefs, "A1," but many "blows," "spurs," and "veins" will give remunerative employment. The Gladstone, Macetown, crushing is to give a great result, but it is not yet known here. It should do so for every effort has been made, and although it is a difficult reef in some respects to work, yet it has good approaches. Want of timber is one of the most serious drawbacks to the Macetown reefs; next the rigour of the winter season there.

The Macetown correspondent of the Dunedin Times fully confirms, in the latter portion of his recent report, all statements in these letters concerning those reefs and their management. No further remark is therefore necessary in connection with them.

Davies, Wilson, and Williams have returned from their inspection of the new reef discovered at Head of the Lake. It is an immense slip, but thousands of tons of quartz are ascertained to be in it. Another trial shaft has been sunk—a considerable distance from the first one, and both the casing and stone show gold. Some casing, washed, gave very flattering indications. In this stone fine gold is to be seen throughout, and at this portion of the reef it has a blue, honey-combed appearance. Of course, some very rich stone in portions of the reef has been met with, but it is intended to crush the whole of the reef. Four permanent hands are to be employed upon it. The reef has been known for years, and some specimens obtained from it; but, strange to say, it has never been prospected properly before. The assay of stone, with only barely-visible gold in it, gave 6ozs 18d wts 12grs at Wellington. Another parcel from the new shaft has been forwarded for similar testing. Reports are current of other discoveries in that portion of the country, and one sanguine individual states that he has found no less than eleven reefs. There is, however, nothing to confirm the correctness of these rumors.

The yield from the old stone taken out from the Nugget and Cornish Reef, Upper Shotover, is stated to be showing fair results under the new system of crushing it. A cake of 80 ozs was brought down this week. There is nothing new from the late discoveries at Muddy Creek, or from the old reefs at Skippers.

It is stated that several silver lodes or deposits have been discovered in different parts of the district, but time will show whether these are genuine bodies, and able to be worked profitably. A silver lode will have to be either extremely rich or of considerable dimensions to ensure such a result. The passing round of small specimens is really no proof of the value of this or that argentiferous vein or deposit. All experiments made in the Nelson district, West Coast, &c., show that difficulties arise in the shape of obtaining continuous and profitable returns, though very rich yields have been obtained from some small portions of the deposits worked. It is to be hoped that the silver mines of this district, when opened out, will prove of good average quality throughout, and be of a more permanent character than those hitherto worked elsewhere.

The exploring party to Martin's Bay report that in the beautiful and once fertile Greenstone Valley there are millions of rabbits, and scarcely a blade of grass is visible. The opinion is given that owing to the ravages of the pest, "the valley is doomed."

Holloway's Pills are strongly recommended to all persons who are much reduced in power and condition, whose stomachs are weak, and whose nerves are shattered. The beneficial effects of these Pills will be perceptible after a few days' trial, though a more extended course may be required to re-establish health. Holloway's medicine acts on the organs of digestion, and induces complete regularity in the stomach, liver, pancreas, and kidneys. This treatment is both safe and certain in result, and is thoroughly consistent with observation, experience, and common sense. The purification of the blood, the removal of all noxious matter from the secretions, and the excitement of gentle action in the bowels, are the sources of the curative powers of Holloway's Pills.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

Mr D. L. Simpson has accepted the position of Engineer to the Dunedin Harbor Board at a salary of £500 per annum.

The dismissal of Major Kemp as Native assessor and land-purchase officer has been gazetted. The ground of dismissal is stated to be "disobedience of orders and turbulent conduct."

Commander Cecil D'Arcy, of Buller's frontier horse, Natal, who gained the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry at the affair on the Zhlubane Mountain on March 28, 1879, is a native of this colony, having been born at Wanganui in 1851.

It is reported from trustworthy sources (says the North Otago Times), that some of the banking institutions of the colony are issuing stringent orders to prohibit their clerks from boarding or sleeping at hotels, and from smoking in the streets.

In New South Wales, some experiments have been made at the instance of a number of gentlemen interested in meat-preserving, tending to show the advisability of sending sheep home in a frozen state without taking off the skin and wool. A fat wether was sent down from Young on the 14th ultimo, in a frozen state, and eight days afterwards was skinned, and found perfectly sweet.

Hackett, Scott, Morgan and Fawcett, directors of the Provincial and Suburban Bank, Melbourne, have been found guilty, also Richard H. Willis, manager. The Chief Justice fined the directors £50 each, and the manager £250, remarking that the disgrace of a conviction was, he supposed, punishment sufficient without imprisonment. The fines were paid. Great discontent exists at the leniency of the sentence.

A romantic case of suicide occurred at Melbourne. A steady youth named Walter Henry Brace, aged 15, conceived a strong affection for a girl named Rosa Cootes, 12 years of age. Recently they quarrelled, and she told the lad, no doubt in jest, to go and poison himself. On Sunday evening, 29th February, he obtained cyanide of potassium from a photographer where he was employed, and poisoned himself. On his dead body was found a letter to Miss Cootes saying he had faithfully obeyed her demand to kill himself.

A new forage plant has been introduced into New Zealand. It is called the teosinte plant, and was sent by Sir Julius Vogel to Mr Murdoch of the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland. The plant has been recently brought from Egypt, where, when it is mowed down, it grows again at the rate of a foot in four days. It is rich in saccharine matter, and highly nutritious. It is a grass of a gigantic size, growing in enormous bunches. It is a recommendation to those who intend to grow it in New Zealand that it should be started in pots, and after all danger of frosts is over, planted out.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL NEWS.

Fever has appeared in Tipperary and West Cork.

An Irish Relief Committee has been formed in Paris.

It is reported that Princess Louise returned to Canada against her will.

The North German Gazette says the French army estimates for the present year exceed those of 1870 by 4,000,000. Her army is numerically stronger than the German, and the Russian has been considerably increased.

The Japanese Government is making extensive war preparations. The Chinese are equally active.

Extensive fires have occurred at Japan, in Yeddo. 10,430 houses were burned, and 35,000 persons are homeless.

10,386 persons died of cholera last year.

The House of Commons passed a bill authorising the relieving officers to grant seed potatoes to the distressed Irish.

A Russian transport vessel was lost in the Caspian Sea. 2,000 troops perished.

Montenegro is preparing for war. She has ordered 4,000,000 cartridges from American manufacturers.

Accounts from Ireland represent the people in some localities as living on meal and turnips.

An explosion occurred at Lyell colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 50 bodies have been recovered.

The Right Hon. John Bright proposes that the Government should advance three-fourths of the purchase-money of farms in Ireland, principal and interest to be payable in 35 years.

A famine has broken out among the Adrian people. Many have been starved to death.

The Duke of Edinburgh has ordered the coast-guard service in Ireland to take charge of relief stores.

The Queen opened Parliament in person. The ceremony lasted 15 minutes. The Queen's reception by the crowd was good.

Mr O'Donnell, M.P. for Dungarvan, stigmatised the abuses practised by the Government as worse than treason. He became much excited, and wept when describing Mr Parnell's services to his country.

It was announced at a meeting of the Dublin Mansion House Committee, on January 31st, that £33,000 had been received, and £15,000 disbursed. Complaints were made of attacks on managers of the fund by agitators in America, and letters were read from the Roman Catholic Bishops in Ireland testifying to its impartial distribution. The receipt of £2,000 additional from New South Wales was announced, making a total from the Australian colonies of £21,000 to that date. The Government intends making a grant for seed potatoes for Irish small farmers. The loss by failure of last year's potato crop is estimated at £4,464,000. For the week ending 20th January, three deaths from starvation are reported near Parsonstown, County Louth. The Right Hon. L. James Lowther, chief secretary to the Lord-Lieutenant, denies this.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin writes that English people fail to realise the gravity of the Irish crisis, and that, unless prompt assistance be

forthcoming, tens of thousands of Irish people must die of starvation. He complains that England has contributed less to the Mansion House Fund than Melbourne. The Baroness Burdett Coutts has sent £500 to Ireland by a special agent, to ensure its proper distribution. Quarrels have arisen in the management of the various relief funds, and it is hoped that means will be devised of concentrating the charities under one head.

Davitt, Daly, and Killen will be tried in March. In the meantime the former will be sent to the Continent to enlist sympathy and assistance to the Irish sufferers. Subscriptions have been opened at Bombay. One native banker gave £1,000, and French bishops have appealed to their cures to collect funds for a similar purpose. James Keene, of New York, proposes to send a shipload of wheat to Ireland as his donation.

A petroleum basin, said to be as extensive and prolific as that of Pennsylvania, has been discovered at Boregoin, in Hanover. One well yields 4,000 cwt. of oil per day.

AMERICAN ITEMS.

A bill making it a misdemeanor for females to engage in walking matches is before the New York Senate.

Eleven Chinese were burnt to death in a San Francisco laundry.

Stanton, an Englishman, has won the bicycle race for a purse and the championship of America. He made 50 miles in 3 hours 6 minutes, 11 seconds.

At Springfield, Massachusetts, Mr Parnell, M.P., attacked the veracity of Lord Alfred Churchill, who, by cable, denied Parnell's statement that Queen Victoria contributed nothing to the Irish Famine Fund in 1847, and also restrained the Sultan of Turkey from giving.

Jay Gould's purchase of Central Pacific railroad stock excites attention, and his main object is surmised to be to secure the control of all roads having the California routes in their charters.

Denis Kearney, the agitator, has returned to California from his eastern tour.

The Mormons have Utah united as a State, which, as they hold the powers, would enable them to expel their opponents by taxation. They are also making overtures to several Indian tribes for an alliance.

M'Vickers' theatre, Chicago, is illuminated by the electric light, a local electrician having anticipated Edison and overcome the difficulty of dividing the current.

Mackay, the Bonanza magnate, gives 10,000 dollars to the Irish Relief Fund, and the Nevada Bank of San Francisco 2500 dollars.

There is great distress among the poorer fishermen in Canada, and efforts are making for their relief.

At Ottawa a small-pox victim was rescued alive from a coffin after the gravedigger had partially covered it with earth. The gravedigger heard a noise, and, inquiring into the cause, succeeded in saving the unfortunate.

The people of Lucan, Ontario, suspecting a family named Donnelly of an act of incendiarism and other offences, formed a vigilance committee, attacked the Donnelly's house, murdered all five inmates, fired the building, and consumed the bodies at the same time. It was a fearful affair, and caused great excitement. Four arrests have been made, one of the prisoners being a constable at Ottawa.

Directions for Using Dynamite, &c.

As dynamite is now being used very extensively in mining operations and for blasting purposes, the following directions how to use the various explosive compounds, we take from the Ballarat Star:—

As the use of nitro-glycerine compounds (lithofracteur, dynamite, &c.) by persons who are unacquainted with their special properties is a frequent cause of accident, the inspector of explosives and analyst to the mining department, Mr J. Cosmo Newberry, has framed the following suggestion for the guidance of those who employ these compounds in mining pursuits:—

1. In mines these explosives should be kept in a metal box with a hinged cover.
2. Frozen cartridges should be thawed in a double metal box, the outer compartment being filled with warm water.
3. Frozen cartridges should not be placed on any metal, stone, or brickwork directly heated by fire.
4. Frozen cartridges should not be placed in bore-holes, as they are not exploded by ordinary detonators.
5. Packages containing cartridges must be kept dry.
6. Packages showing any exterior water damage should be carefully examined to see if any nitro-glycerine had exuded from the cartridges.
7. Damaged packages must not be struck with any metal or hard substance or roughly handled.
8. Any nitro-glycerine which has exuded from cartridges should be absorbed by some soft, dry substance, such as infusorial earth, sawdust, or blotting paper.
9. Waste material containing nitro-glycerine and fragments of cartridges must not be thrown into water; they should be destroyed by firing with a detonator, or by mixing them with an excess of sulphate of iron (copperas) or by burning in small quantities at a time in an open fire.
10. In burning the waste care should be taken not to inhale the fumes. The fume or vapor of nitro-glycerine is more poisonous than the substance itself.
11. Bore-holes in wet ground should not be bored upwards.
12. In wet ground a hole must not be put in below a missed shot.
13. Missed shots must not be bored out.
14. Charges in wet ground should be fired directly after charging.
15. Powder must not be charged on top of dynamite or lithofracteur.
16. Charges should always be fired by a detonator.
17. The primer with cap affixed must never be rammed.
18. The cartridges should pass easily to the bottom of the bore-hole. Cartridges that fit the hole tightly must not be forced down by ramming.

English Freemasonry.

During the year 1879 the income of the three Masonic charitable institutions derived £44,533 11s 9d. For the year 1877 it amounted to over £42,000, but in 1878, in consequence of the depression of trade, and public charity being largely diverted to other channels, it fell to £40,312 4s 3d. Notwithstanding the continued depression of the year 1879 the amount has not only risen, but has far exceeded that of any former year. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for the third year in succession, heads the list with £17,781 12s 10d, or £3,070 more than it obtained in 1878. The second place on the list, which in 1878 was taken by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was in 1879 taken by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with £13,776 6s 10d; or over £2,000 more than in the previous year. The girls' school takes the third place with £13,025 12s 1d, or about £160 in excess of its income of 1878. Included in the Benevolent Institution's £17,781 12s 10d is the amount of £2,685 4s 4d for dividends on stock for a year and a half, and £1,207 10s represents the same source of income for the girls' school for one year included in the amount of £13,025 12s 1d. Out of the £13,776 6s 10d, the income of the boys' school, only £305 is attributable to dividends, the sum invested being only £8,500. The Benevolent Institution has between 300 and 400 male and female annuitants on its books. The boys' school houses, clothes, maintains, and educates 215 boys; and the girls' school 205 girls. These institutions depend entirely on the voluntary bounty of the craft. In addition to these large amounts contributed to the institutions the Lodge of Benevolence, which meets at Freemason's Hall on the last Wednesday but one in every month, dispensed in the year 1879, to distressed Freemasons and the widows and orphans of deceased Freemasons, the sum of £8,238, exceeding the amount dispensed in 1878 by £3,254. The largest sum voted at any one meeting was £1,035, and the smallest £390.

A Monster Blast.

For some months past, Mr Robb, the contractor for the Victor Harbor Breakwater, has been making preparations for a monster blast on the eastern end of Granite Island, and this explosion, which took place on Tuesday afternoon, was an immense success. Last Tuesday a great blast was fired, with the object of getting a steep face to that end of the island, and the result exceeded expectations—about 40,000 tons of stuff being displaced. The enormous chasm thus made was completely cleared out before Tuesday, leaving a high perpendicular face to operate upon. Behind this a tunnel was driven, running about north and south from side to side of the point of the island, and from this various drives were made to the eastward. On the surface the course of the main tunnel was indicated by a line of pitch or black paint, and red spots showed the position of the powder. We were unable to ascertain how much powder was used, Mr Robb, for business reasons, preferring not to communicate this information. The quantity has been variously stated at 9 to 15 tons, and probably 10 tons are not far from the true amount. A little dynamite was used for detonating purposes. The shot was not, as in April, fired by electricity, but simply in the old-fashioned style, with a fuse. As the time approached for firing, and minute after minute slipped away, the spectators naturally became somewhat excited, and this feeling reached a crisis when the rush of the crowd back from the end of the fuse showed that the torch had been applied. Very quickly after this there was an awful and somewhat prolonged roar, accompanied by a prolonged rattling sound, as if the island was being split to atoms. An enormous shower of earth and stone was shot up to a great height, and fragments of rock fell far out to sea, some of the missiles coming very near to the steamer. A dense cloud of dust and smoke hung over the scene of the explosion and around it, and a considerable time elapsed before this cleared away sufficiently to disclose what had happened. Attention was directed, first of all, with great anxiety, to a group on the jetty, for stones fell all around them; but fortunately, no one was struck. The blast was a magnificent success. The whole point of the island was knocked into chaos, completely lifted up, and tumbled about in a most fantastic style. Besides thousands of tons broken up into useful sizes, there were blocks of granite weighing hundreds of tons each, rolled over, some lying on the top of other blocks of equal size. The scene was very grand, and it seemed difficult to believe that such a wreck of matter could have been effected by artificial agency. Very little damage was done to the works, though blocks of granite weighing several tons each were blown over the railway line. One rock fell on a solid heap of large timber, and scattered it, shattering some considerably. Large fragments dropped very near the mortar crane, and a stone smashed the chimney of its engine. There was little earth in the dislodged stuff, so the contractor has every reason to be satisfied. About 50,000 tons were moved.—South Australian Register, Feb. 8.

"Atlas" in the World, a Home paper, writes:—There is, I believe, no reason to doubt the truth of the statement current in society last week, to the effect that the two sons of the Prince of Wales, now serving on board the Bacchante, have been induced by some foolish companion to allow themselves each to be tattooed on the nose with an anchor emblem. The Prince and Princess of Wales are said to be in despair about the affair, and all the medical science of London has been consulted as to the possibility of obliterating the marks. "Boys will be boys," however; and perhaps, after all, an anchor is not an inappropriate symbol for the future ruler of a maritime Power; and as the defects and ailments of Royalty have not unfrequently been appealed by their admiring subjects, a day may dawn when, in order to show that they are "in the swim," it will be fashionable for all the young bloods in the kingdom to be marked with an anchor.

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